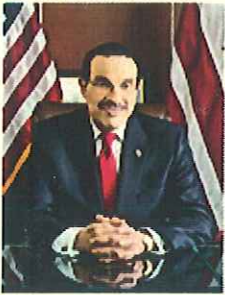


Proclamation



AMERICORPS WEEK

MARCH 10 - 18, 2012

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps was established by the Corporation for National and Community Service in 1993, as a network of national service programs that engage Americans in intensive service to meet the nation's critical needs in education, public safety, health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps has now engaged 775,000 Americans in intensive inception in nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country; and

WHEREAS, Serve DC - the Mayor's Office on Volunteerism is the DC Commission on National and Community Service, one of more than 50 State Service Commissions that administers federal Corporation for National and Community Service funds and coordinates national service initiatives, including AmeriCorps State and National, and AmeriCorps VISTA, in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Serve DC funds approximately more than 450 AmeriCorps members who work in each Ward in the city to address issues such as illiteracy, drop-out rates, affordable housing and HIV/AIDS. Since 1994, more than 4,300 residents have served, qualifying for more than \$11.8 million in education awards:

NOW THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim March 10 - 18, 2012, as "AMERICORPS WEEK" in Washington, D.C. and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in a commitment to serving our community.

Vincent C. Gray

